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THE HYMN THAT HELPED MAKE A GOVERNOR

A youth entered Gustavus Adolphus College with the purpose of taking a brief business course.

The singing of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by three hundred voices in the chapel of the College so impressed the young man that he determined to continue his studies and get all the College could give him.

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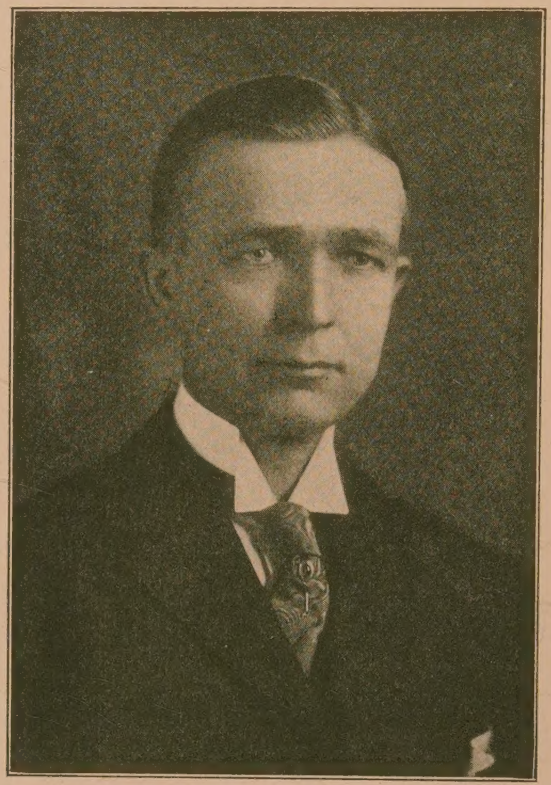

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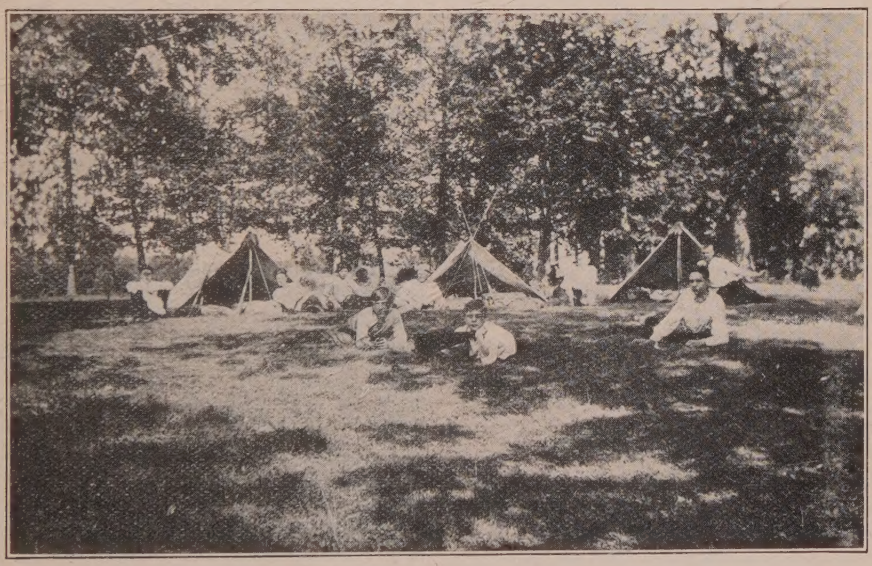
Boys' Camps

BY EDWIN H. EILERT.

BOYS' camps are becoming more and more numerous. You can find all sorts, good and bad. At some the boys are neglected and at others they are well taken care of. Considering them as a whole they are good places for boys from the ages of 10 to 18. At this time a boy is developing and needs good exercise. The more fresh air he can get, so much the better for him. Fresh air and exercise develop him into a strong and healthy man, provided they have the proper kind of exercises and come regularly. A camp is an ideal place for a boy. He lives out doors. This will broaden and develop him. The exercises and drills tend to strengthen, straighten, and give him good posture. He learns the ways of other boys and can enter into contests with them. He practices for these contests and thus improves himself.

He learns to play ball, swim, and handle rowboats and canoes, and, if he chooses, he learns to dive. If he is observant, he can learn all these things by watching other boys.



A CHURCH BOYS' CAMP AT LAKE LOON, ILL.

He finds that the other boys are glad to help and instruct him. At most camps they have rifle ranges, with an experienced man in charge. He here learns to handle a rifle, to hold it properly and after a time becomes a good shot.

Most camps also have some religious work connected with them, and on Sunday morn-

ings they generally go to a nearby church. In the evening before retiring they have a short service, sing a few hymns, and have prayers. In this way they learn that there is a greater power than an earthly one caring for them and their loved ones.

I was at a boys' camp for three summers. From our own camp and other camps we visited I think it is a very good place for boys. A boy who goes to a camp learns more and benefits more from his summer vacation

TENT LIFE IN BOY'S CAMP IN THE WOODS.

than a boy who goes to a summer resort. He gets a fine coat of tan, and is always showing the less fortunate ones what a much finer coat of tan he has than they; and consequently how much finer time he must have had.

He develops his muscles and from his experience broadens physically and mentally. At a camp a boy dresses for comfort, not for style. Do not think by that that he is allowed to become "sloppy," because he is required to dress in the regulation camp uniform for supper and must be neat. He has a certain allotted space in which to keep his things, and he must keep them neatly.

When he rises in the morning he is required to spread his blankets in the sun to air. After breakfast he is required to do a prescribed amount of work and thus help keep the camp and camp site in order. Then he is free for the morning. He can then play ball, go out in the boats or canoes, go fishing or for a hike in the woods. About an hour before dinner is the deep swim—that is, swimming in deep water, where there is a spring-board and high dive. After the swim, which lasts half or three-quarters of an hour, the boys take in their blankets, make up their bunks, and straighten up the tent. Then comes dinner, and after dinner they are required to stay in their tents for half an hour. Then they are free for the afternoon. About four-thirty is the afternoon or shallow swim. The boys are allowed their choice of one of the two swims either morning or afternoon. They are not allowed in at other times. At these prescribed times there were always two counsellors in charge. One on the land and one on the water in a boat. In the evening after supper they are allowed to do as they wish. Before retiring they have a short religious service. Then to bed and all lights out.

This program was often varied by a trip away from camp, sometimes for a day or two, or longer. Thus a boy learns to care for himself in the open. He learns the ways of the woods and becomes self-reliant. This is one of the greatest assets a boy can acquire.

A Church Boys' Camp

The pastor of the church, with the assistance of one of the officers of the church, took eight of Trinity's young men out for a camping trip at Loon Lake during the month of July. All took along food, tents and blankets and camped out in the green country, on a beautiful hill along the shore of Lake Loon.

The pastor as commodore did his share of the work of chief cook, and he did it to the queen's taste. Mr. A., as captain, looked after the dish washing, with the able assistance of Norman, known as Scratch. William, known as Casey, kept the crowd busy by his numerous pranks, while George, as Fibs, made a good

BOYS' DINING TENT AND BOYS AT DINNER.

second to Casey. Robert, known as Jinks, was the star in the ball game, beating out the commodore by a small margin. Leroy, as Lankey, beat them all with his gymnastic tricks. Walter, known as Squibs, on account of his stature, managed to keep ahead of the party when on a run. Arthur, as Ribbs, assisted in keeping up the merriment at night by his won-

derful singing and jokes. Edwin, known as Bibbs, was the star fisherman, not being satisfied with pulling up one fish at a time.

The party, after reaching camp, took a grand ride out in the country on a hay wagon, which all enjoyed, as the ride on the train had been most too easy and quiet. After arriving at camp all got busy in pitching tents, arranging the stove in Mother Earth by digging a hole in the ground and building a furnace of brick and tin. By this time all were hungry, so dinner was prepared, the table spread (Mr. A.'s cot being used as a table), and all food before them vanished in short order. The weather was a little cool, but the last two days the fishing was fine. All the boys developed a tremendous appetite. Each morning we had a half hour's Bible study before beginning the day. The trip was a great treat to the boys and all voted to make it an annual event for Trinity's young men, hoping that next year we might have a much greater crowd.

Strengthening Our Forces

BY ERLE C. GREINER.

THE practical experience of four District League presidents, which we will confine to two divisions, (a) the local society, (b) the district league. In the strength of these two lie the power of the state and the greatness of the international league.

In the local society the methods yielding the greatest returns are the properly used objects of the league, with co-operation tacked on in front and behind.

Make the devotional meetings educational and so interesting that each member will consider it a duty and a privilege to attend.

Social meetings are held at a time during the week, independent of the devotional meetings, at which time the actual business of the league is transacted. The remainder of the evening is employed in games, contests or social converse.

At each meeting, of whatever nature, let all members co-operate with the officers and committees to make it a success. A wise selection in the appointment of committees, with especial care in the selection of a chairman, assist in upbuilding a league.

A model constitution provides that only members of a Lutheran church are eligible to full membership in the Luther League. When a class is ready for confirmation, visit it and invite it to attend the League meetings. Shortly after confirmation, hold a reception, which all will attend. Explain the object and purpose of the League, and announce that all who desire may join them. Seldom will even one refuse to join.

All innocent entertainments, with each member taking a part, are conclusive of sustaining interest.

In the devotional meetings leaders should select assistants from among all the members, the idea being to give each one something to do.

Encourage absentees by friendly words of inquiry and hoping to see them out at the next meeting. If you know you are missed you are more willing and anxious to fill your place. In district work the great thing is co-operation between officers of ability and members who are ready and willing to work.

Perhaps the greatest difficulty in district work lies in the attitude of one Synod toward another. This should not be. Luther League draws no lines—it has no need of them.

We simply meet as Lutheran young people confessing one Christ, one Lord, and reciting that confession in the Augusburg Confession.

We meet to learn, to hear, to do. That we may exchange ideas and profit from our friends successes. That we may learn to know our friends better, become real comrades with them.

The local grows into the district; the districts from the State, and the States make the international. Co-operation will make us strong. Our forces will grow and become the glory of the nation.

The work of these early years have brought us our present convention; but it is only the beginning. Coming years will show much greater returns. The steady strengthening of our forces will continue until all the young people are gathered under the "black, red, white, blue and gold."

Luther and a Dying Student

Luther once visited a dying student, for to him it was common to have resort in cases of difficulty or extremity. The good doctor and

professor asked the young man what he should take to God, in whose presence he was shortly to appear. The young man replied, "Everything that is good, dear father—everything that is good!" Luther, rather surprised, said, "But how can you bring Him everything that is good, seeing you are but a poor sinner?" The pious youth replied, "Dear father, I will take to my God in heaven a penitent, humble heart, sprinkled with the blood of Christ." "Truly," said Luther, "this is everything good. Then go, dear son; you will be a welcome guest to God."

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June

I gazed upon the glorious sky,
And the green mountains round,
And thought that when I came to lie
At rest within the ground,
'Twere pleasant, that in flowery June,
When brooks send up a cheerful tune,
And groves a joyous sound,
The sexton's hand, my grave to make,
The rich, green mountain turf should break.

—Bryant.

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Historical Events of June

1, 1898—Hobson sank the "Merrimac" to bottle up Cervera's fleet.
14, 1777—Our flag, "The Star Spangled Banner," adopted by Congress.
16, 1775—The battle of Bunker Hill fought.
25, 1530—Presentation of the Augsburg Confession to Emperor and Diet.

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David Livingstone

Dr. David Livingstone is described as a "modern-minded man." A strong, far-reaching, active mind he must have had in his poor boyhood at Blantyre, near Glasgow, to overcome the influences of his environment. He might have grown up without education, except for a little half-understood reading in "Practical Christianity" and "The Fourfold State," with a narrow and bigoted view of life, and found what content he might in the drudgery of the cotton mills. He studied nights his Latin grammar. In the nine years of his novitate, from his tenth to his nineteenth, he acquired much learning from the rocks and woods as well as from books. In spite of many floggings, he would not swallow Scotch Presbyterianism. He was always credited with religious feeling, and was surely a good man, in spite of his irascible moods.

He managed to attend lectures at Glasgow University, studied both medicine and theology, with help from nobody, until the London Missionary Society accepted his services. They paid for a year's tuition for him. In 1840 they sent him to South Africa. He was then 27 years old. He began his explorations almost immediately. He studied the languages and customs of native tribes untiringly. He pushed northward in 1849. In that year he discovered Lake Ngami. In the fifties he explored the Zambesi and he crossed the continent from the Indian Ocean to the Atlantic. In 1856 he discovered and named the Victoria Falls. After a visit to England he returned to Africa to discover Lake Nyassa. It was at this time he entered his long and painful quest of the true sources of the Nile. The most dramatic incident of his career, of course, was his meeting at Ujiji, in October, 1871, with Henry M. Stanley, sent with a party to his relief by The New York *Herald*. Livingstone never returned to England after that meeting. He died far from civilization, in May, 1873. With great difficulty his body was carried to London and buried in Westminster Abbey. His heart was buried in Africa.

Dr. Livingstone, whose centenary has recently been celebrated, fairly deserves the credit of having opened Africa to civilization. He was the greatest of all the English-speaking pioneers in that country. Whether considered as a geographer, a naturalist, or an ethnologist, he was great and conferred permanent benefit upon mankind. Perhaps the reproach against his countrymen that he was neglected is not altogether deserved. He had no gift that made for popularity. He worked for neither fame nor money, but to satisfy his own thirst for knowledge, though the value of his services to humanity is not to be denied. John Murray paid large sums to Livingstone and his heirs for the right to publish his three books. Sir Harry Johnson estimates that Livingstone was paid for his services, altogether, about $105,000. Not much for almost superhuman exertions, directed by a high order of intelligence, during thirty-three years. The value of such services cannot be reckoned in money terms. Assuredly Livingstone's memory is honored. The fact that there is no important statue of him today either in England or Scotland is not necessarily to be regretted. There are some deplorable if important statues of great men in both countries. The spot where he died is appropriately marked and his grave is in the British Pantheon.

Luther League of Kansas

Second Annual Convention, Emporia, April 16 and 17

BY H. V. GROTHE

THE convention motto was "The Glory of Service," and a more fitting motto could not have been brought to the attention of the convention. The convention was held at Emporia, Kans., in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Rev. Carl G. Aue, pastor. The preparations were full and complete, no effort being spared to make this convention a notable affair.

First Session

Vespers were conducted by Rev. Paul Mennenoeh and Rev. G. G. Clark. The convention

GROUP OF DELEGATES AT KANSAS STATE CONVENTION.

serman was delivered by Rev. H. C. Garvic of Atchison, Kans. His theme was "Moral Progress of the Moderan Church." He said:

There is one significant word in the theme and that is the word "Progress." It appeals to me that it occupied a large place in the theme of Protestantism of the past, that the modern Church with her program of service cannot afford to do without it. Great as has been the past, the Church is face to face with a task, the like of which the world has never witnessed. And what is the task of the Moderan Church? I believe that the great task that confronts us today is that we must take the doers of the first century and translate them into living fire and life of the twentieth century. If the Moderan Church is to carry out this task, what is the equipment that is necessary? One of the elements of the equipment is Faith. The second Fire, and the third is Finality. I am pleading for the equipment of faith that will enable you to take hold of the Christ as that Christ is interpreted in the great confession of our Church. I believe that it is possible that I could come to any of you tonight and ask you the question, whether or not you believe that God would do so and so, you would say, "Yes," but if I should say to you, do you believe that God will do it through you? well that is another question. And that is where the trouble lies. We need a leader whose faith makes it evident to him that God not only intends to save the world but that through his life God intends bringing about the realization of all good things.

But we must have fire, and I mean by fire, enthusiasm. What does the word enthusiasm mean? It means God in us. Enthusiasm that ends only in simple feeling is not the type of enthusiasm on which the church intends to

build. But with the enthusiasm that comes in exultation of Jesus Christ you must also have the sense of finality, and that brings us to the real task of the Church today, and that is to interpret Christ to the world. The task that confronts you and me is that task which demands that we crystallize, in terms of moral interest, the healthy experience of your life and mine.

Go from this convention with your hearts full and overflowing with that conception of the Christ that shall qualify you for the most efficient service, and when that day shall come when the golden shall furrow your brow in the setting of your sun, that God may realize in you one who has devoted himself to the Church and who has lifted up the Christ, one who has interpreted before the world, the Son of man, the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

Miss Cere C. Grothe, of Wichita, rendered the very beautiful solo, "Fear Not Ye, Oh Israel," followed by the closing vespers.

The social hour, Rev. Car. G. Aue presiding, was a time when every one present became acquainted. Music was furnished by the Sunday School Orchestra and refreshments were served. Mr. Fred. G. Nicolas, president of the local League, delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the society; Mr. A. F. Myser delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the congregation; Mr. C. F. Kemner, president of the State League, responded.

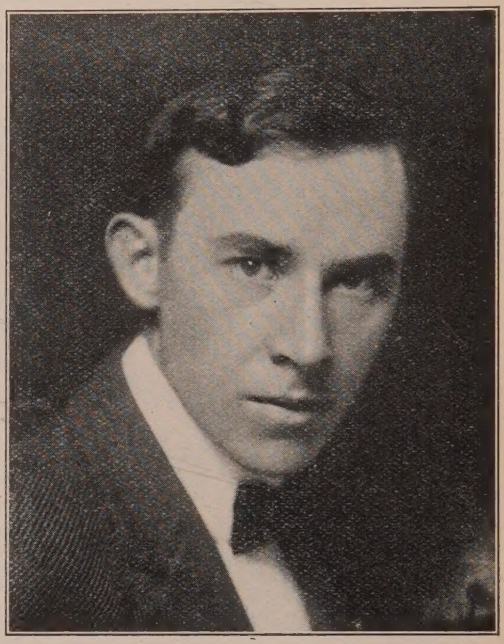
Second Session

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. H. S. Lawrence, of Peabody. Following the devotional services, the officers and committees reported the work done during the year. The treasurer reported a balance of $35.98 in the treasury. The extension committee reported four applications for membership, which were voted on and accepted. The corresponding secretary's report showed a membership of nineteen societies, these with a total membership of seven hundred and three.

The following officers were elected: President, Carl F. Kemner, Salina, Kans.; first vice-president, Fred G. Nicolas, Emporia, Kans.; second vice-president, Rev. H. C. Garvic, Atchison, Kans.; recording secretary, Miss Bettie M. Brueser, Kansas City, Mo.; corresponding secretary, H. V. Grothe, Wichita; treasurer, L. J. White, Peabody.

Mr. H. V. Grothe, of Wichita, presented a paper on "The Mission of the Luther League:

The league is a training school for the purpose of preparing the Lutheran young people to assume the responsibilities of their church. Being composed of Lutheran young people its work was designed for the advancement and in the interest of the Lutheran Church. "Lutheran, know thy Church," is the cry of the Luther League. To know her history, to know her aims and achievements, to know her doctrines and be a loyal believer in her glorious virtues. These things cannot be learned from undenominational societies; they must be learned from Lutheran pulpits, Lutheran pastors and Lutheran societies. The League recognizes the church authorities and above all



CARL F. KEMNER
President, Luther League of Kansas

does it recognize the pastor; to him it looks for counsel and our duty as members of the League demands that we shall be Aarons and Hurs, upholding his hands in all good ways and works and at all times seek his encouragement and support. The mission of the League is to be on the lookout for young people who are seeking the things of this world. The loyal leaguer uses his tact and ability to bring such people to Christ. The League affords an opportunity to do active Christian work and show the young members wherein they can be of service to their church and fellowmen. The League seeks to stimulate its members to a clearer consciousness of our

most holy faith, to encourage them in a careful study of the Bible and to make of them efficient church workers. The League encourages the members to take active part in all departments of congregational work and stimulate them in public and private devotions. In a word, the mission of the Luther League is to make good, active, Lutheran church workers of our Lutheran young people.

Mr. Mark Nonken, of Peabody, presented a paper on "The Possibilities of Service in the Local League"—that no league would prosper and grow unless it had a specific end to attain, or, in other words, definite work to do. One of the best indications of a wide-awake and healthy league is to have every member of the league know what he has to do and do it. The service in the League is by no means limited to the regular session hour. True, it is a good indication to see every one active during this hour, but this activity is attained only on what has been done on the outside. The subject should be prepared by each member before time for meeting and each one present should endeavor to bring some good thought and something of interest out of the subject. Social meetings should be held frequently during the week evenings. Meetings should be of an intellectual, business-like nature. Its work and its interests should be just as extensive as those of the church. Our field of today is greater than we can cover, and no one need to look long for a place to work. The only way we can measure the possibilities of service is to measure the willing hands to do the work.

The delegates responded to roll call and reported the work done in the past year and plans for work successfully carried out by the League. The reports were very good and showed much activity in all the local societies. Rev. B. R. Lantz, of Salina, presented a paper on the possibilities of the State Luther League.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Emporia Kans.

Third Session

Devotional services were conducted by Miss Nina Cleveland, of Salina, Kans. Miss Cleveland took for her subject "The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Luther League Movement." The discussions were given in a very interesting manner, the leader calling upon the delegates for short talks and prayer.

Without the Bible the Church becomes corrupt, as in the ages of the past. With it the fountains of life are kept pure and the likelihood of pollution is practically eliminated. This is the book for Christians. It represents the purest and best of all literature and the

Lutheran Christian has very little trouble with it, as he accepts it without any mental reservation. The Luther League is a mighty factor in the spread of kowledge of our literature. It is a great educational institution and the founders did more than they knew when they inaugurated the movement. I want to bear record to its very helpful and wholesome influence. Through the medium of the topic cards and the supplementary readings in the REVIEW, the vast field of our literature is opened. It is a literature that no one needs to be ashamed of. Through it much may be done to acquaint our young people with our doctrines, usages and practice, and this may be made as interesting as anything that could be presented. Doctrine is supposed to be difficult reading, but only average intelligence is needed to read "Gerberding's Way of Salvation." In a time like this when there are so few of our young men entering the ministry, Dr. Bauslin's "The Attractive Vocation of the Gospel Ministry" should be in the home of every Lutheran. Let our efforts be to dispel the ignorance and to incite enthusiasm. To do this there must be knowledge, and the way to do this effectually is to get our Lutheran literature in the homes of our Lutheran families.

Following the discussion on Rev. Schrock's paper, Rev. E. E. Stauffer, of Lawrence, presented a paper on "The Luther League and the Juniors," Rev. Stauffer said in part:

The junior members are, in a larger measure, the future hope of the Luther League. Whether or not the Leagues shall be strong and efficient in the coming years depends largely on the time and attention we give to our juniors. There are three important things on this subject—first, securing; second, holding; third, developing the juniors. The League should determine that every newly confirmed member of the church shall become a member of the League. Every league and every leaguer should resolve that they will not consider their work well done unless every effort has been made to secure the newly confirmed member of the church as a member of the League. Ordinarily the desire to meet and be with the opposite sex is very strong at the ages of thirteen, fourteen and fifteen. Later the desire to meet the obligations to the church and fellowmen will receive more prominence. For the present, we should make use of this instinct to hold the junior, always with a view of leading them to their religious duties. The purpose to develop them into intelligent, loyal Lutheran Christians should not be forgotten. Assist the junior in getting a firm grasp on the subject and you will not only develop intelligent and loyal Lutherans, but strong Christian character.

The delegates and visitors were given an auto ride over the city by the members of the church, assisted by the members of the Emporia Commercial Club.

Fourth Session

Vespers were conducted by Rev. N. H. Royer, of Oklahoma City, Okla. Rev. Herr Buchler, of Perth, spoke on "Musical Ideals for Young People.

Musical ideals are not strictly for young people, but for everybody. When we talk of music, we labor under wrong impressions. You ask the average person, "What is music?" and he will point to the piano or the organ. Music is nearer than these, and music is farther away than these. Music is not what we hear; it is not even a sound. What is music? If I cannot give you anything else to take away from here, I want you to get this definition. Music is that which is awakened in us as we play, as we sing or as we listen. Music is that peculiar, that beautiful afterglow which follows after the sound has ceased. How must we sing? Sing with spirit, and understanding, with a known intellect and a known sympathy. If you want to improve your voice, read good books, cultivate flowers, be kind to everybody and have a high ideal.

Rev. R. B. Peery, D.D., president of Midland College, addressed the convention on "Lutheran Schools for Lutheran Youths.

There was a short business session after which the president declared the second annual convention of the Luther League of Kansas closed.

A fine spirit was manifest throughout the convention. Much advance has been made along all lines. For this we are thankful and pray that the tide will rise still higher until the Luther League of Kansas will have become a mighty factor in everything good.

Curious Facts

If an English engineer's plan to run an electric railroad up the side of Mount Popocatepetl in Mexico be carried out, passengers will experience a change of temperature from 70 degrees above zero to 10 below within two hours.

Possibilities of the State League

BY B. R. LANTZ

THE purpose of an organization should ever be kept in mind by the controlling factors in the organization. If those who direct the affairs of an organization are alive to the highest aims, the organization will be rich in possibilities. It will be effective. It will justify its existence, the reason for its being. It will advance its cause. It will produce fruit. It will study needs. It will correct faults. It will sow seed and it will reap harvests. It will strengthen the weak and make the strong more powerful. It will be sanely conservative but also wisely progressive.

Such an organization we desire our State Luther League to be. The rich possibilities of our State organization will be realized only as the chief *purpose* and *goal* are kept in view. The State League has splendid possibilities but the masters must use the constituent parts for the intent to which they are adapted. Realized possibilities depend largely upon personalities. Now the masters of this organization, the controlling factors, those upon whom a realization of its possibilities depend, are the *pastors,* the *officers,* the *members* of the *various committees,* the *delegates* to the various conventions. In our hands the State League may be a vain thing, or a big play engine without fire and steam. A brief recital of a few of the possibilities of the State League will follow in a moment, the point of emphasis now is that if the State League is to realize these possibilities we must recognize and act upon the recognition, that at present *we* are the master builders in this State League and at the same time we are the living material to be put into the State League building. And there is *other* material in *other* societies. And there are *other* resources. Now the master builders, keeping the goal in view, must take *all* the available material and by the genius and talent which God's spirit creates, apply this material for the enlargement of a strong, sound body, with warm loving sympathetic heart, clear vision, intelligent mind, determined will and helping hands.

The masters, the pastors, the leaders, the officers, the committees—call them what you will—must make constant surveys of the field if they would have the State League realize these possibilities.

Now it's possible for the State League to *do better* the things which it has *undertaken* to do and which it *has been* doing. This is not a criticism in any sense of the word. The State League has done well the past year, but it can do better next year and better yet the following year. It's possible for it to increase and not decrease. It's always possible for the individual to do better. At least the man has lost a very helpful element out of his life who isn't constantly inspired by the thought, "I can do better." The experiences of the past should be very profitable to us, whether they have been experiences of success or failure. They should be stepping-stones to better achievements.

Glance briefly at the task which it *has* set before itself. First it is committed to promote the growth and increase the efficiency of the young peoples' societies of the Lutheran church. Growth and increased efficiency. Those are strong words. They suggest virile ideas. They are inspiring words. They are attractive words. The most serious effort of Christian men and women may well be expended in attaining such results. Why, if this State League can do anything to promote growth and increase efficiency it will be working in harmony with God. He is the author of life. He is Creator. He gives the life—physical and spiritual. He is promoting growth.

It is possible for this State League to attain this commendable object of promoting growth. It can have no more worthy aim. It can help our individual societies grow in numbers. It can help them grow in spirituality. It can help them grow in knowledge. It can help them grow into a clearer consciousness of their Christian duty. It can help them grow in grace. It can help them grow into deeper appreciation and love for their Church. It can help them grow into a sense of their dependence upon the means of grace—the Word and the Sacraments. It can help them grow in other directions and by thus helping it will increase the efficiency of the societies it has helped to grow. It will make them more effective in the church. It will make them more capable workmen in the vineyard of the Lord. How many weak, inefficient, almost sickly workmen there are among us. They are work-

men who need to be ashamed. Indeed, we raise the question, "Are they workmen at all?" It is possible for this State League to be in harmony with other agencies of the church to help these young Lutherans grow so that they may be workmen that need not be ashamed. It is a heroic task but it is well worthy of attainment.

The *aim* is to promote growth and increased efficiency, to foster the spirit of loyalty to the church, and to promote friendship among the members of the societies.

Now this object which it is possible to attain is to be reached by two methods. One of these methods is association and co-operation. This is a prime requisite if the ideals of the State League are to be realized. There must be contact. The State League must come into close and sympathetic touch with every society which it is to benefit. There must be something more than contact; there must be fellowship. There must be communion. There must be the closest co-operation. This State League must be in vital relation with the district and local leagues as the brain is in vital and intimate association with every member of the body. Some of the young peoples' societies in the Lutheran church may wish to be independent and not permit that alliance, but the State League must ever be seeking this intimacy if it is to realize its possibilities in this direction. Thus affiliated, it is possible to accomplish its object through co-operation, in numerous ways. It can encourage the formation of district leagues and through its officers and committees can reach the individual members of the local league. The officers of the State League should be in the same kind of connection with the officers of each district League.

This State League here in convention assembled may promote the object of the organization by reporting to the various societies represented the recommendations and forward movements here suggested, which are most practicable for each local society. The State League should be so active in co-operating with, in persuading, in touching the local societies at their most vital points that they feel that the State League is indispensible to their very well-being, to their highest development.

It has blazed the trail for Lutheran fellowship and unity in America. It has unbounded opportunities in this direction. In emphasizing the things in which we agree, in showing our essential unity in things fundamental, in minimizing our differences, in asserting our common heritage, in magnifying our common Lord, in affirming our common work and responsibility, and in manifesting the sacred pleasures of fellowship, the State League will encourage sentiments of respect for each other among the Lutheran young people of this country and will help them draw nearer to each other.

And now finally is it possible for the State League to undertake any definite work of Inner Mission? Can the State League support in toto or in part any specific benevolence? Two factors enter into an answer as to the State League's possibilities in this direction. The first is the limited finances of the local societies. Many of the leagues find it a difficult matter to finance their own undertakings and support the measures of the church to which they are attached, which *has* the prior claim. At first thought someone may be disposed to say it doesn't seem feasible. It is hardly practicable—even if possible. But think again. Each Luther League or young people's society should be doing something for some cause other than its very own. Every league should have the missionary spirit. Every league must have it or live at a poor dying rate. The league that has the world-wide vision is the league that is alert, happy, prosperous and enthusiastic. The league that helps others, helps itself. Indeed, it will be a kindness which the State League would show to every society by taking such action that would commit the leagues to some definite benevolence. Of course the State League should recognize that the local leagues have obligations in the home church which must be met and not impose too heavy a burden.

But again, will all the leagues be willing to assume their share of such a forward movement? Will they support such action on the part of the organization sufficiently to save the State League from future financial embarrassment? That remains to be seen. The loyalty and ability of the various societies would have to be tested. I believe if the delegates to this convention would report with enthusiasm and faith any action of the convention in this direction, every society would feel an individual responsibility and pride to measure up to the expectations of the State League. If we *expect* great things of our Luther Leaguers they will be more apt to do great things.

When one looks for open doors of benevo-

lent opportunity for the league, they are right before us. They swing wide open for us to enter.

The Church needs men for her ministry. The fields are ripe unto the harvest. The laborers are few. Let us consider the advisability of giving power to the executive committee to say to any young man who is willing to say, "Here am I, Lord, send me," "go, and the Luther League will stand back of you for fifty, seventy-five or a hundred dollars."

There is only one hospital in the General Synod. It is on Western territory. Its needs are many. New ones arise daily.

I do not wish to leave the impression that I think the State League will find it possible to do whatever it determines *ought* to be done. In all likelihood the officers and leaders of this organization are willing to plan for more than the local leagues are able or willing to do. The key of the situation after all is the local league. The officers may do their utmost but if they are not supported by each league their expectations will not be realized. They should plan, this convention should plan enthusiastically, judiciously and in faith. Then every one of us should do everything we possibly can to have the local leagues act as a unit in carrying out the plans and suggestions so carefully made. Then, increasingly, will the State League's possibilities be realized.

SALINA.

Denmark, the Land and the People

BY MISS NORA NELSON.

ABOUT one-half of Denmark is a peninsula, the rest is an archipelago. On Zealand, its largest island, is located the beautiful capital, Copenhagen.

A ride of eleven hours by train takes one from the German capital to that of Denmark without change, although in two places the first and second class coaches are ferried across straits that are not always calm. We were fortunate in having smooth seas and pleasant weather. We enjoyed the ride through the country, with green meadows pasturing sleek looking Jersey cows; for Denmark is noted for its superior butter, which commands the highest prices and is shipped to all parts of the world. The farmhouses, with thatched, moss-grown roofs, and the fine beech trees, of which the Danes are deservedly proud, were picturesque and typical landmarks.

Copenhagen is a clean and elegantly situated city. Formerly it was fortified by a wall and moat, but these have been turned into parks. The branches of the sea are connected by canals on which are fine electric launches. There is an excellent street car system and many motor taxicabs at reasonable rates.

My cousin-companion was fortunate in finding here an uncle, who, with his cousins, made our week in Copenhagen one of pleasure and profit, and enabled us to mingle socially in a way that would not otherwise have been possible. In their company we visited the interesting and entertaining places of the city and surrounding country. The people of Denmark are a genial, hospitable and pleasure loving people. We spent one evening at Tivoli, the popular outdoor place of amusement. We were the guests at a little dinner party here in the Casino. On our table was the United States as well as the Danish flag. We were seated before a large plate glass window through which we could look into the concert room adjoining us, where we heard classical music played by an orchestra of accomplished performers. We were told to get an appetizer first, and so went to a small table which contained generous quantities of salads, smoked salmon, boiled ham, fish, sardines, bread, butter and cheese. We remained so long—tasting—that the uncle sent word that there were better things coming in the table d'hôte dinner. We remained until a late hour, visiting the different places of amusement, for there were the scenic railways, shooting the chutes, merry-go-rounds, acrobatic and vaudeville performances, gondolas, fireworks, illuminations, etc.

Our visit in Copenhagen was largely centered in the works of Thorwaldsen. While this is far from being the only interest for tourists in the city, it alone would repay any one for the visit.

The Thorwaldsen Museum and the Frue Kirke stand unique and unequaled in the

world as monuments to the genius of one man. In the first is a very complete collection of all his works, either in the originals, replicas, or in plaster models, to the number of about 500. The plain, square building does not prepare one for the wealth of art it encloses. It is two stories in height, the rooms and corridors being built around a courtyard, in the center of which reposes the body of Thorwaldsen. The vault and tomb were his own designing. It is filled with English ivy. On the low granite coping is engraved his name, with the dates of his birth and death. Surely a fitting place for him, the most beloved of sculptors, to rest!

In each of the small rooms surrounding his resting place is a guard, as it were, of one statue, two busts and a number of reliefs, the whole making a vast array of ever watchful and sleepless sentinels. Besides his own productions, there are his collection of paintings and antiques. With his unfinished works are his personal effects, his furniture, pictures, books and piano. His unfinished bust of Martin Luther stands here, upon which he had worked only a few hours before his death.

We attended Sunday morning services in "Frue Kirke," or "Church of Our Lady." This is also a plain structure externally, but it is a veritable temple of art within—a sacred museum of Thorwaldsen's works. All the sculptured ornamentation, mural decorations, and even the collection boxes for the poor were designed by him. From the vestibule in front extend corridors that enclose the auditorium of the church, and here, too, are found friezes and Thorwaldsen reliefs. Entering from the front one sees, at the opposite end, standing in bold relief against a black marble background over the altar, the majestic figure of the risen Christ—"Come unto me." In the spacious chancel before it kneels the angel holding the shell—like the baptismal bowl. These two are considered Thorwaldsen's masterpieces. Along the sides of the church are ranged the twelve apostles, six on each side, Paul taking the place of Judas. All of these figures are in white marble and of heroic size. In the gallery opposite the altar was the organ and the choir. The pulpit occupied a high position on the left, and from that a venerable minister delivered his sermon. Of course, he was robed in black. The pews faced the choir. Communion was administered from the altar by two clergymen, but only a few participated, those desiring to do so having given their names to the pastor the week previous. This, like the other churches of Denmark, is Lutheran.

We visited Copenhagen in 1910, while Frederick VII was King. His father, Christian IX, was called the father-in-law of all Europe, yet he was noted for his simplicity in life and for his democratic manners. So it was with the son, Frederick VII, for there is less royal display in Denmark than in other European countries. We had the pleasure of seeing both the King and Queen while being driven in their carriage and with no guard.

One rainy day we had just safely made our exit from the beautiful grounds surrounding the King's summer palace—Charlottenhund, in the suburbs of Capenhagen—when we met him and the Crown Prince (now the ruling King, Christian X), in their carriage. Their bow might not have been so gracious had they met us a short time previous, when, without our knowledge, we had trespassed on private grounds, not being able to understand the printed notice at the entrance. As our friends laughingly said, we had accomplished what no Danish person dared do.

Among the outlying districts we visited, none equaled in beauty, interest and magnificence the chateau of Fredericksborg, for nearly three hundred years a royal residence, but now used as a national museum.

A visit to Helsingör (the Elsinore of "Hamlet") and to Kronborg Castle, situated on the narrowest part of the sound that separates Zealand from Sweden, was full of historical and Shakespearean interest. We were shown the ramparts upon which the ghost walked, Hamlet's terrace and his reputed grave. We returned to Copenhagen by rail along the Oresund. We could understand how the Danish people love to sing and talk of the beauties of this sound.

Republics of the World

In alphabetical order the republics of the world are: Andorra, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, China, Cuba, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Hayti, Honduras Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Salvador, Santo Domingo, Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Luther League Topics

7th Sunday after Trinity. July 6, 1913.

Good Vacation Reading

Prov. 16:23-24; 25:25.

Topic reviewed by Rev. Paul W. Koller.

It has been said that every one should read for at least an hour, every day, from some good book. If that is true of the busy days that make up life for most of us, how much more time ought to be given to reading books during the days of vacation. It is the great opportunity for many to read without disturbing cares and duties. That people do read largely during the vacation months is evidenced by the greatly increased sale of books during this period. But alas! the best books are not always the ones that are read. Because they are seeking relaxation, many think that they must read light literature entirely. The result is that little good comes from their reading, and sometimes there is actual mental harm. Our topic speaks of good vacation reading. What shall we read that is good for us? To set down a list of books in this review is not possible; for there are so many books that are good, and tastes differ widely. But there are some things that ought to guide us in choosing our reading for our vacation time. Three aims are to be in mind in the selection of our books.

I.—Rest.

The primary idea of a vacation is that tired brains and bodies may have a chance to rest, and so regain strength for the activities of life. What we read must in part help to carry out this idea. There are many kinds of books that will do this, and they need not be of a light character either. They may be books of fiction, travel, history, research or devotion. The important thing is the change they bring to the mind and the renewed interest they create. The most popular way of doing this is to read fiction entirely while on vacation. But if we are wise we will not do this, for several reasons, chief among which is the fact that fiction, while it diverts, adds comparatively little to one's store of knowledge.

II.—Knowledge.

While rest and relaxation are important things to be considered in one's vacation reading, the acquirement of knowledge certainly comes next. As has been said, we take a vacation in order that we may increase our efficiency for service. It presents a most excellent time to add to our store of knowledge. And many of the books that help to carry out the idea of rest will also increase our knowledge. It is the man who knows that is sought after today, and who climbs higher in position and influence as the years go on. We should keep this in mind, and so direct our reading this vacation.

III.—Character.

To speak of character as an aim to be kept in mind when we plan for good vacation reading seems unnecessary, yet it is not. There are so many books worthy in a literary way that speak lightly of God and treat the things that we consider holy with contempt. Others belittle the sacred things of home life and character, and teach a low form of morality, which cannot help but work harm to the development of a true Christian character. The most valuable thing we have is character. Therefore we must see to it that what we read works it no harm.

IV.—The Book.

I have spoken of many kinds of books that make good vacation reading, but the best book of all to read is the Bible. It is The Book, and no vacation is rightly entered upon unless we take with us and read God's Word. It, better than any book in the world, brings rest to mind and heart. It gives us real knowledge, for it tells us not only of life, but reveals the way of life eternal. It is the best aid to character building, for it gives us the perfect life as revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Whatever else you read or do not read this vacation time, do not fail to read your Bible.

Suggested Questions.

1. What is the purpose of a vacation?
2. Are we influenced very much by what we read?
3. What kinds of books are to be avoided?
4. What do you think is the best vacation reading?
5. What place should the Bible have in our reading?

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8th Sunday after Trinity. July 13, 1913.

Messages from Nature

Ps. 104:13-24.

Topic reviewed by Rev. Paul W. Koller.

It is in the month of June that nature is most attractive. It is the month of flowers,

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and for most of us the beginning of outdoor days. The world of nature calls us to come away from books and the grind of work and enjoy her beauty and life. Quickly other seasons will follow, each one beautiful in itself and vocal with the joy of life. They seem so different, yet they all play their part and teach their lessons. Just now nature laughs and the soft winds kiss the newborn grass blades and makes love to the flowers. All things bear the flush of expectation and promise. Soon will come the days of fulfilment, when the fruitage will be gathered into storehouse and granary. Then somber autumn, with cloak of gray and brown and the hush of nature settling down to sleep. God does not intend that we read only books and learn from them. Nature, with its life and changing seasons, has for us many lessons that we will do well to learn.

Nature has—

I.—*A Time of Renewal.*

In the springtime nature clears away the rubbish of the old life that a new life may begin. Some one has likened it to the spring house cleaning. The winds sweep out the dirt and the rains scrub things clean. Everything points to a clearing away of the old that the new and living may appear. Here is a lesson of the soul life. The old life of sin must be done away with, that a new and better life may begin. Old habits, old loves, old sins must be washed away in the waters of penitence, that the new life of the soul may spring forth. Daily, too, we need to renew our devotion, and put down and away old desires and sins.

II.—*A Time of Growing.*

When the new life comes in nature we say things are growing. The plants and trees increase in size and strength. The buds unfold and the blossoms come. This growing time in nature has a very important lesson for us. We, too, must grow if we would amount to anything in the world. Grow, not only in strength of body and mind, but in grace and character. Our growing follows laws that are very much like the laws in the natural world. For instance: Both must have the germ of life within them, else there can be no growth. However favorable for growth the conditions may be, a seed or a grain of wheat will not sprout if this life germ be destroyed. In like manner the presence of the Holy Spirit in a Christian's heart is a necessary condition for his spiritual growth. He may be surrounded with most favorable conditions for growth. He may live under Christian influences of the best kind. Yet if the Spirit of God is not in him; if Christ is not in his heart, he will not grow.

Then, too, the life natural and the life spiritual for real growth require proper conditions. Wheat cannot be grown in every climate. Apples will not grow everywhere. So Christian men and women cannot develop in the way God requires under conditions that are degrading and lowering.

III.—*A Time of Fruitbearing.*

There is life and growth in nature in order that there may be fruitage. That fruitage may be a flower, a berry, a vegetable, a grain, a fruit or any other product of plant or tree. If there was no fruitbearing nature would not be doing that which God intended at creation. Nature tells us by example what God's Word tells us in words: We must be fruitbearing Christians. God intends that there be some good results come from the divine life we have from Him. We were created for service and saved to serve. We should strive diligently to do this and bear that fruit which will please God and help our fellow. We as Luther Leaguers should be much concerned about this last lesson. There is so much that could be done for our League and Church. What are we doing that will help? God surely will ask us some time.

QUESTIONS.

1. What relation is there between the laws of nature and the laws of God?
2. Can a man find God through nature alone?
3. What enabled the writer of this Psalm to see God so clearly in nature?
4. What do you think is nature's most important lesson for us?

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9th Sunday after Trinity. July 20, 1913.

Value of Christian Companionship

Prov. 27:6-10; Eccles. 4:9-12.

Topic reviewed by Rev. Paul W. Koller.

1. *True friends are a great blessing.* The Bible has many examples of friendship and all of them teach the value of it. Experience brings us the same lesson. We cannot do without friends. When we walk alone we grow narrow and selfish. When we have the companionship of a friend our natures are broadened and we are made better in many ways. All men and women ought to cultivate

friendships. In doing this, however, we must seek for the right kind of friends. To make companions out of those whose characters are not good, unless we are constantly striving to uplift them, is to work ourselves great harm. Right here might be written the history of many a boy's and girl's downfall. They had evil companions. So the best friendships are those that rest on the excellences of character. In other words, Christian companions are the best. A great deal of sorrow would be spared those that love them if young men and women would realize the truth of this. It is exceedingly difficult for young people to believe that it is not good for them to have bad associates. The sad experience of so many has proven it to be true, however. Be careful of your companions, seek those who will lead you up and not down. We must not forget, however, that friendship is not to be a one-sided affair. While we are to seek those who can benefit us, we must be willing to contribute our part. True friendship is not all getting, but a giving as well.

2. *The counsel of a true friend is not to be disregarded.* Most of us are ready enough to listen to the good advice of our friends as long as it pleases us. But when the counsel is contrary to what we want, or brings home to us that which hurts, we are inclined to ignore it. Our Scripture lesson speaks of this phase of friendship. "Faithful are the wounds of a friend." We should be willing to listen to the advice of our Christian companions, even though they may wound us. This is not an easy thing to do. Yet it is a wise thing. When our pastor or some good friend tells us of the wrong act, we should not go away angry and not heed. They have spoken because they are our friends and seek our good. In the same way, if we would be true friends, we must not hesitate to speak to our companions when we know we can do them good. How many helpful things are left unsaid by us, just because we do not want to hurt. Let us remember our Scripture, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend."

3. *Friends standing together are stronger than when alone.* This is a well known truth and perhaps needs no emphasis. Yet, while many of us say it, there are too few who carry out what it requires. Our Scripture lesson from Ecclesiastes brings it to us in this way: "Two are better than one, for if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow"; and again, "A threefold cord is not quickly broken." It teaches, among other things, that because we are stronger when we stand together, we should use that strength to help each other. The field for this mutual helpfulness is very wide. There are many stumbling brothers who can be helped greatly by those who walk with them if they only will. What a power also in a company of friends. "A threefold cord is not quickly broken."

We should not pass this lesson without applying it to ourselves as members of the Luther League. We are bound together for service. Standing and working together we can help each other wonderfully and do great things for Christ and those among whom we live.

QUESTIONS.

1. How are friendships formed?
2. Should all our friends be among the good and true?
3. How can an unworthy person be helped if we will not be his friend?
4. Why are Christian companions the best?
5. Who is our best friend?

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10th Sunday after Trinity. July 27, 1913.

Faithfulness in Common Duties

Luke 16:10-12; Romans 12:11.

Topic reviewed by Rev. Paul W. Koller.

1. *Common duties and so called little things make up the greater part of life.* The great days of the year are few, and even when they come they bring little that is great to any of us. The majority of days are made up of little things. Scarcely once a year does anything remarkable befall us. If we were to tell each other the events and duties of almost any day we would be surprised at the time spent in doing common duties. Three hundred and sixty-five such days make up a year. Thirty to sixty-five of these years make up a life. And outside of a few great events, your life is made up of such things. But this does not mean that your life is not worth living, or that you are not accomplishing something. For in God's eyes things are not little or great as we measure them. To Him motive means more than mightiness, and faithfulness more than fame. If we study the Scripture we find that God Himself is concerned with so called little things. Christ tells us that a sparrow does not fall to the ground without His notice. He forms the clouds and at the same time the rain drop. His providential system is immense

and yet He descends to infinite detail. The works of Christ are a still clearer illustration of this truth. Take almost any of the wonderful deeds of Christ, and coupled with their greatness we find the doing of many humble, simple things. When He had healed a blind man he sought him out and taught him. When under the shadow of the cross He thought of His mother and provided for her care. When He broke through the gates of death, He saw to the careful folding of the linen cloth that bound Him. We wish sometimes that we could be doing great things. Let us remember that common duties are not to be despised.

2. *Faithfulness in common duties may be greater than dutifulness in the great.* It is a great deal harder, in ordinary cases, for us to go on doing the commonplace things well than for us to do the big things well. The common duties are usually done where none are present to notice or praise. The big things are before the crowd and often under the stimulus of applause. The commonplace are constantly recurring and it is difficult to keep up day after day the force of a mighty motive. While for great deeds occurring rarely the soul can be on fire.

I am sure that many of us have found this to be true in our League and Church work. We can easily be enthusiastic and shine under the inspiration of some duty that will be seen of many. But to faithfully take our part and do our duty day after day when no one seems to notice particularly is not so easy. To do that requires consecration and faithfulness of a high order. Here the doing of the common duty is the greater service in God's sight.

3. *Faithfulness in common duties prepares the way for larger service.* This is what Christ said, although in other words, in our Scripture lesson. It is true that he that is faithful in that which is least, will be fitted to be and will get the occasion for being faithful in that which is greater. This is not hard to understand. It is a law of nature. If we are doing the harder tasks, habitually doing them well for the love of Christ, we shall be fitted for the sudden trial and demands of larger acts.

The opportunity, too, will come some day. It has for countless numbers of faithful Christian men and women. The way to get ready is to faithfully fill our place in which God has set us. Christ said to Paul, "Be of good cheer, Paul. Thou hast witnessed for Me in Jerusalem. Thou shalt witness for Me in Rome."

May God help us to do faithfully what our hands find to do, be it great or small.

QUESTIONS.

1. Is any duty common in God's sight?

2. Can any one become great who neglects little things?

3. What part do common duties play in character making?

4. Does your Church and League need those who will do such duties?

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July 6, 1913.

Good Vacation Reading

Prov. 16:23-24; 25:25.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Have the usual opening services.

Select a number of familiar hymns, by singing one of these without the accompaniment of the instrument.

Summarize the discussions in REVIEW and Topics.

Arrange to have some one like a school teacher, or an attendant in a public library, give you a suggestive talk.

Close with the usual services.

July 13, 1913.

Messages from Nature

Psalm 104:13-24.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Open in the usual way.

Select half a dozen very familiar hymns for use in the meeting.

Have some one describe some of the attractive spots near your own home, and draw a moral from them.

Summarize the discussions in REVIEW and Topics.

Describe some outings some of your members may have enjoyed and the experiences from each as a lesson.

Close in the usual way.

July 20, 1913.

Value of Christian Companionship

Prov. 27:6-10; Eccles. 4:9-12.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Open in the usual way.

Have some special musical feature.

Get some person of experience to tell you of the value of companionship in life as a Sunday school teacher or superintendent.

A paper on: "The Influence of Companionship." Brief paper.

Summarize discussion in Topics and REVIEW.

Give some scriptural and other examples of the influence of companionship on character.

Close in the usual way.

July 27, 1913.

Faithfulness in Common Things

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Opening and closing services from the Luther League Hymnal.

Hymn 163. Psalm 1. Gloria Patri. Prayer by pastor.

Scripture lesson, Luke 16-10:12. Rom. 12:11. (To be read by two members.) Hymn 178.

The leader will open the subject with a ten-minute paper on "Little Things and Character Building."

A five-minute talk on each of the paragraphs found in the topic by different members (previously arranged for).

Special music (previously arranged for).

Summarize discussion in THE REVIEW.

A five-minute talk by the pastor on "The Importance of Faithfulness in Common Things."

Closing service. Hymn 233. Lord's Prayer. Benediction.

Book Reviews

FREEMASONRY. An Interpretation. By Martin L. Wagner. Pp. 563. $1.50. Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, Ohio.

The gist of Freemasonry, as declared by this volume, is to be found through an examination of ancient Eastern cults. That gist is thus shown to be purely phallic in nature, its licentiousness being veiled a little more carefully than was common with ancient religions. The argument is pursued at great length, sometimes repeating itself in a wearying way to the reader. The gist of Freemasonry is, however, declared to be hidden, even from the great, great mass of Freemasons themselves. There is some truth evidently in the assertions, for Freemasons do not know what they are following, and Freemasonry has clearly had sources as stated, among the many sources from which its modern form rises. As a general and inclusive fact we do not consider the contention proved, however. It is an interesting argument, but the debater goes too far. Freemasonry in its modern form is a religion of good works, of self-righteousness. The man who has found his Saviour neither needs nor wants it.

MUSIC TO THE SERVICE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH. Published by Emanuel Schmank, Brooklyn.

This is a small and convenient manual containing the words and music to the service of the Church. It will aid to a hearty and an intelligent participation in the services upon the part of the people. 35 cents per copy.

SIXTY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY.

This neatly printed pamphlet is a sermon preached in the Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Mount Airy, April 6, 1913, by Rev. Jacob Fry, D. D., L. H. D., LL. D., Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology in the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and pastor of the church. Dr. Fry has completed sixty years in the active work in the ministry. The event was celebrated with a special service conducted by Rev. Drs. H. E. Jacobs and E. G. F. Spiekn of the faculty.

Rev. John Luther Sibole

Rev. John Luther Sibole, D. D., pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Buffalo, N. Y., died at his residence on Norwood avenue, that city, April 25, 1913. The funeral services were held in Holy Trinity Church, and the Rev. Dr. F. A. Kahler officiated. The members of the Church Council acted as honorary bearers. Members of the Luther League will remember Dr. Sibole as the energetic and genial pastor who entertained the Buffalo Convention, 1904, in his church. In all things pertaining to the League Dr. Sibole took a deep interest. No call of the League for his services was unheeded.

To his family we extend our heartfelt condolence in their bereavement, and commend them to the loving care of our heavenly Father.

The following resolutions were adopted by the district Luther League of Buffalo: "Whereas the Almighty God has seen fit in his infinite wisdom to remove from his labors on this earthly sphere Rev. John Luther Sibole, a former president and an esteemed member of the District Luther League of Buffalo, therefore be it resolved, that we cherish his memory as that of a man whose strict integ-

REV. JOHN LUTHER SIBOLE

rity commanded universal respect and as an official whose faithful labors did credit to the League. It is sad that this is all we can do and say in behalf of this 'our beloved and former representative.' He has gone to another land and we know that he will reap in that land the reward of a good, pure, noble and well spent life, wholly unselfish in its aims and animated by the loftiest Christian spirit in its purpose; and be it further resolved, that we extend to his bereaved family our sincere sympathy in their deep affliction, and that, as a tribute of respect to his memory, the foregoing preamble and resolutions be engrossed upon the minutes and a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of the deceased." Edward J. Beuthel, Louis T. Henrich, George J. Flierl, Committee.

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Editorial

The triumph of an idea is something all can appreciate. To associate oneself in a service promising success is a great pleasure. The completion of a project in which there has been co-operation and which has shown unmistakable and remarkable enterprise affords delight to those who have participated in it. Great problems have arisen where the responsibility of finding a solution has been stimulated by the idea of co-operation. This responsibility has been repaid by the triumph of an idea. Whatever of distress, of discontent, of delay, and anxiety there may have been are forgotten in the universal rejoicing over the thought that they have won success over the strongest opposition arrayed against it. Success has acknowledged the worth of an idea. Where the enterprise has succeeded and those who have opposed it have complimented the promoter of ideas and rejoiced in the opportunity presented in the triumph of an idea, a community of interest arises.

It is a significant fact that experience in the affairs of the Government is of considerable value. Thus the idea of a thoroughly equipped corps of men especially trained by long service for the conduct of our diplomatic missions is regarded as of first moment. Likewise the selection of men fitted by high character and special education for any career open to them depends after all upon their efficiency as the conditions for their recognition and promotion. In the work of the congregation men competent in the discharge of the work are required. The young men who will spend part of their time trying to learn the requirements of the congregation are men who will not fail the Church in any emergency. Practical minded men know the forces arrayed against the Church. These forces have made themselves felt in cities, in towns, in counties; forces they are that have the power to hold those standing aloof from righteousness in a mighty grip. No barren idealism stops the way. To meet and overthrow these forces, work has to be done on a sound basis. Discipline of the most far reaching detail is the condition necessary. To meet and throw these forces into place is certainly open for the efficient, qualified and equipped young man as the practical work of the Church in the world. The experience and training given in our young people's societies, the educational value of our topics with the preparation and training, gives them an advantage to be gained in no other school. The association of our young people in such an organization as the Luther League and the promotion of interest in the organization is a most excellent training for the young men and women in our Church for the world's activities.

Efficiency either consciously or unconsciously is fast becoming the law of trade. Business men are being placed under the stimulation of a constant necessity to be efficient, economical and enterprising. The world is asking for better workers, masters of competitive supremacy in all lines of business. Men are feeling that stress is being laid upon competitive supremacy The whetting of American wits by contest with the wits of other portions of the world is being regarded as a tribute to American industrial genius and American capacity, for the productiveness of labor is being worked up to this standard of co-operation. Efficiency is likewise one of the needs in the Luther League. The fact appeals to our sense of loyalty; and we recognize the strength of union in our spirit of co-operation. Co-operation on the part of our young people in the work of the congregation, in the work of the Church, is now recognized as necessary for the highest efficiency. If we would not confess that we are a feeble folk we must cultivate the spirit of co-operation and the idea of efficiency.

Co-operation is one of the forces the Church needs to utilize. Frequently it happens some members of the Church have no interest beyond the parish lines of their own congregation. The congregation is only doing its full duty when it is united with others of the same faith and only then assumes the full share of the work placed upon all. Enthusiasm and pleasure ought to arise because of this. Co-operation in its common effect produces better acquaintance with one another and thereby we acquire greater sympathy with each other in our different spheres of labor and trials for the Church. We are sure that the effects of co-operation will be refreshing to all who are willing to unite to this end. Whatever the duty of the congregation, it invariably depends upon the example of the pastor for its successful execution. There is a great difference here. It is a mistake that wherever co-operation is desired not to allow one's own interest to constantly yield before the common good. Whoever stands aloof and often exhibits a lack of alacrity, liberality and sacrifice for others will acquire many selfish habits, incompatible with co-operation. To give little and receive much is not in the spirit of co-operation. Pastors and congregations that are self-centered are liable to languish. We need to teach our young people the important meaning of co-operation in the interest of the Church. We need to provide opportunity for them to employ and display the spirit of co-operation in the work of the Church in promoting any project that will bring our young people together for the forward movement of the whole Lutheran Church. We should watch and be alert to whatever awakens a Lutheran consciousness and Lutheran loyalty.

The Luther League Review is published as a much needed medium for furthering the work of the Young People's movement in our church. Its desire is to extend the work of the Luther League throughout the country. It also purposes to be an agency for keeping the officers, committees and members of the League in touch with the whole movement.

The Review is printed by a very large publication house, from whom such rates have been secured and from whom credit must sometimes be asked, as might rightly be termed "donations."

Nobody thoroughly interested in the work of the League, can dispense with the Review, which is the official organ of the Luther League of America. Nor can anyone deny the good done by the Review. Every loyal Luther Leaguer will recognize the necessity of extending its subscription.

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One of our longest experienced pastors has given the following for the instruction and edification of the new and young members received into his church. The suggestions are quite timely and are as follows:

Search the Scriptures.

Hear the Word.

Partake of the Communion.

Pray without ceasing.

Attend religious meetings.

Esteem and co-operate with your pastor.

Become a co-laborer in the Sunday School.

Take your appropriate part in every other department of Church work.

As a Steward of God contribute your just proportion to the expenses of your congregation "according to your ability" and also to all the benevolent enterprises of the Church abroad as "God has prospered you."

These hints and suggestions from an experienced pastor contain such sound advice that we are called to pass them along to all Lutheran young people. Our Luther League might find in these suggestions a program of practical work for their local societies. They are of such a nature as can only prove helpful and beneficial to the local needs of the congregation by their continued practice. Individual members would find their lives greater, beneficial, stimulated, and improved by this practice.

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Statement No. 6

From April 1 to April 30, 1913.

GENERAL FUND.

L. L. of Holy Trinity Church, New York City	$6.12
Connecticut State League	8.00
L. L., Martin Luther Church, Toledo, Ohio	6.00
DONATIONS.	
L. L., Church of the Redeemer, Buffalo, N. Y.	5.00
Total for April	$25.12
Previously reported	706.07
Total receipts	$731.19
Total disbursements	682.78
Balance on hand	$48.41

Respectfully submitted,
C. T. A. ANDERSON,
Treasurer, Luther League of America.
Chicago, May 2, 1913.

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, June 16—Judges 10:15-18.
Tuesday, June 17—Zech. 2:1-13.
Wednesday, June 18—Mal. 3:1-6.
Thursday, June 19—Matt. 3:1-12.
Friday, June 20—Acts 9:1-9.
Saturday, June 21—Acts 12:1-11.
Sunday, June 22—Isaiah 63:7-19.
Monday, June 23—Lev. 19:1-19.
Tuesday, June 24—Eccles. 8:1-11.
Wednesday, June 25—Prov. 8:1-26.
Thursday, June 26—Mark 12:13-17.
Friday, June 27—I Tim. 2:1-8.
Saturday, June 28—Titus 3:1-7.
Sunday, June 29—Roman 13:1-14.
Monday, June 30—Eccles. 6:1-12.
Tuesday, July 1—Eccles. 7:1-29.
Wednesday, July 2—Daniel 1:1-21.
Thursday, July 3—Hosea 11:1-12.
Friday, July 4—Matt. 14:1-12.
Saturday, July 5—John 15:1-14.
Sunday, July 6—Prov. 16:23-24; 25:25.
Monday, July 7—Gen. 1:1-31.
Tuesday, July 8—Gen. 2:1-25.
Wednesday, July 9—Prov. 26:1-19.
Thursday, July 10—Matt. 12:1-9.
Friday, July 11—Mark 9:1-10.
Saturday, July 12—Rev. 22:1-21.

Our Churches and Institutions

In Some of Our Large Cities

New York.

—St. Mark's Church, on New York avenue, Jamaica, Rev. Max Hering, pastor, was consecrated, on Sunday, April 20, in the presence of a large number of people, and with impressive services.

Philadelphia.

—Salem Church, Frankford, is soon to break ground for its new church building.

Chicago.

—Irving Park Church, Rev. Joshua Odin, pastor, is to have a new church home, $8,500 having been pledged recently at a banquet, which was the original effort.

—Bethlehem Church is at work on its new building, to cost $40,000, of which $16,000 is in hand and $10,000 additional pledged.

Pittsburgh.

—Mr. Zion Church, Rev. T. B. Yeakley, pastor, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary April 27. After organizing two missions from its membership, this church now numbers more than 700. It has two young men in the ministry.

Washington.

—Rev. S. T. Nicholas, of Middletown, Pa., has accepted the call to the Keller Memorial Church.

Ohama.

—St. Mark's Church celebrated, June 1 to 3, by appropriate ceremonies, the fiftieth anniversary in the ministery of their pastor, Rev. Leonard Groh, D. D. The anniversary sermon was preached by Rev. F. M. Froxel, D. D.

General.

—The General Synod met at Atchison, Kan., May 14 to 21. The synodical sermon by the retiring president, Dr. J. B. Remensnyder, was on the subject of the power of the Lutheran Church to meet present day needs in religion, and has been quoted and commented upon throughout the religious circle in this country regardless of creed. Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Western secretary of the Church Extension Board, was elected president. Dr. Yarger lives in Atchison. It would be impossible in the space at command to refer, even, to all the interesting and important questions discussed and legislated upon. The reports of the general boards, which conduct the activities of the Synod, showed substantial progress along all lines, and in order that this progress may continue the Synod made increases in apportionments amounting to 14 cents additional per member, making the total now asked for $1.50 per member. Of this rate home missions is given the largest amount of any of the causes, namely 37 cents per member, and foreign missions next with 32 cents per member. Other interesting figures reported are that General Synod is made up of thirty-two district Synods, with 1,341 ordained ministers, 1,769 congregations, consisting of 405,939 baptized members, of whom 307,679 are confirmed, but the actual communicant membership was reported as only 237,648, or 65 per cent. of the confirmed membership.

Warnig notes were struck by the Sunday School Committee, which criticised some of the comments in current literature on the international lessons, and steps were authorized looking to co-operation with other Lutheran bodies for a common Lutheran Sunday school literature. Another warning was sounded in a resolution declaring the Synod not in sympathy with the so-called liberal view of Christian doctrine which is prevalent in this day.

Lutheran Church unity had a hearing. Dr. Sandt, representing the General Council, in fraternal greetings said that the General Synod has moved its doctrinal basis so near to that of the General Council that the inexperienced eye can scarcely tell the difference between them. Dr. Greever, of the United Synod South, also spoke in favor of Lutheran unity.

One of the resolutions adopted declared the Church in sympathy with social service, but reaffirming the view that the Church can best contribute to this important work by preaching the gospel of good will among men, thus encouraging individual work.

—St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Ind., has made a record for herself in the matter of beneficent giving. In the past fifteen years she has spent for her own support $63,844, and to missions and other beneficent causes during the same time she has given $58,933. About 48 per cent. of all money given for church purposes went outside.

—Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., of Springfield, Ohio, died a few days ago. Dr. Hamma was elected president of General Synod in 1897, had served many important interests of the Church, and was a liberal benefactor of Hamma Divinity School, one of our institutions at Springfield.

—The Church of the Redeemer, Kingston, N. Y., was consecrated, May 18, an imposing and churchly edifice which cost $70,000 and will provide an adequate church home for the congregation. This church was organized January 24, 1897, was self-supporting from the start, and now has a membership of nearly 700. The organ, costing $7,000, was placed by his family as a memorial to one of the founders of the Church, Conrad Hiltebrant. The pastor is Rev. Howard E. Snyder.

—Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., has completed its building and improvement fund of $100,000.

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—Rev. J. H. Straw, missionary to Africa since 1902, except for a short period, died at his post of duty April 20. He leaves a widow and a child.

—Rev. J. Luther Sibole, of Buffalo, a well known Luther League worker, died on April 25, aged sixty-six years.

—Rev. G .M. Merschroth, D. D., a prominent pastor of Syracuse, N. Y., died April 25, aged fifty-three years.

—The late B. Amundson, of Decorah, Ia., bequeathed $1,000 to St. Olaf College, $500 to Luther College and $1,500 to Orphans' Home of the United Norwegian Church.

—Prominent among the delegates to the Southern Sociological Congress at Atlanta were President R. L. Fritz, of Lenoir College; Rev. J. Henry Harms, D. D., of Newberry College, and Dr. George B. Cromer.

—Prof. Edward Thorstenberg, Ph. D., of the German department of Yale University, a charter member of the First English Lutheran Church of New Haven, has accepted a professorship in the University of Oregon.

—Two thousand five hundred dollars was bequeathed to the Swedish Lutheran Church at Ridgefield Park, N. J., by the late Mrs. Krouss.

—King Gustave of Sweden consecrated the Swedish Lutheran Church at Paris, April 16.

—Irving College and Music Conservatory, Mechanicsburg, Pa., on June 4 brought to a close the fifty-seventh annual session. The session opened with all rooms filled with students from Pennsylvania and a half dozen other States. The year has been one of the most successful and most pleasant in the long history of the institution.

Junior Workers

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THE OUTLOOK FOR JUNE—

1. The second Sunday after Trinity. Gospel story, the Great Supper and those who would not come.

8. The third Sunday after Trinity. Gospel stories, Bringing back the lost sheep and finding the lost coin.

11. Wednesday. The day of Barnabas, Paul's friend and fellow missionary.

15. The fourth Sunday after Trinity. Gospel lesson, Holy teachings from Jesus' lips.

21. Saturday. The summer solstice, or the longest hours of sunshine in one day.

22. The fifth Sunday after Trinity. Gospel story, The fishermen forsake all for Jesus.

24. Tuesday. The day of John, who baptized Jesus, the Lamb of God.

25. Wednesday. The 383d anniversary of the reading of the "Augustana," the Augsburg Confession.

29. The sixth Sunday after Trinity. Gospel lesson, Jesus' sermon on the mount.

Queries. (Here are a few questions which may be referred to some of our bright boys or girls to be answered at the next meeting of the League.)

1. Who was Barnabas and where do we read of him in the Holy Bible?
2. Why is Jesus compared to the sun?
3. What is a deaconess?
4. What happend when John baptized Jesus?
5. In what language was the Augsburg Confession first read, and why?
6. To what ruler was the Augsburg Confession read? Why?
7. What work for Jesus would you prefer to do in His Church?

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AN EXPLANATION AND A REQUEST.

The associate editor in charge of the news department desires to explain that the late appearance of several items in this instead of the May number of the Review, and the omission of others which are now entirely out of date, is due to his illness of more than two weeks' duration which began as the May issue was about to go to press.

The request we wish to make is that correspondents write out brief reports of local events instead of sending in long reports of these events clipped from local newspapers.

For this issue of the Review there has been

received about twenty columns of ordinary newspaper matter reporting Church and League events in ten or twelve localities. One of such reports now on our desk is three columns long. This the editor is expected to read from beginning to end in order to get the main facts which he has condensed into about an inch of space. Your editor cannot continue to do this. Please write out the chief facts about local events. From fifty to one hundred words take up all the space that can be allowed a local report, usually, and all that are necessary to tell the important things about the event. Things of unusual importance, such as methods of League work meeting unusual success, and the like, which are of special interest to other Leagues, may be given more space. But please write out your reports and make them brief.

NEW YORK

—The twentieth convention of the Luther League of New York State will be held at Syracuse on July 15, 16 and 17. The opening session and also business session will be held in Zion's Church, Butternut and Prospect avenues, Rev. H. G. Dalton, D. D., pastor.

A strong, practical program is being prepared and no Lutheran Young People's Society in New York State can afford to be without representation. Credential blanks, etc., will be furnished by Mr. W. L. Bradt, 27 Moffatt avenue, Binghamton.

Information regarding hotel reservations, etc., can be obtained of Rev. John Wittekind, 416 Prospect avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.

Among the speakers already announced are: Rev. Oscar Krauch, of Albany; Rev. A. T. Michler, of Lebanon, Pa.; Mr. Otto Gronan, of Troy, president of Mohawk Valley District Luther League; Miss Mary Cooper, of Schenectady; Mr. F. J. Bergstresser, of Brooklyn; Mr. Frederick V. Bruns, of Syracuse; Mr. Paul C. Holter, and Mr. William Alberti Whiting, of New York.

New York City District.

—The Junior Luther League of St. Paul's Church, Rev. F. H. Bosch, pastor, tendered a reception to the large class of newly confirmed, of whom a large number joined the League.

—The annual meeting of the Luther League of Holy Trinity Church was held on the evening of May 13. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: President, Pastor Krumbholz; vice president, Mr. Adolph Stephan; corresponding secretary, Miss Bertha Kress; recording secretary, Miss Lillian Krauss; treasurer, Miss Sarah Gaskell. After the business of the eevning had been disposed of, a short sketch of the life and labors of Dr. Joseph Hardy Mesima, a worker for new Japan, was given. The League maintains a regular system of philanthropic and charitable work among various institutions of the city.

Brooklyn District.

—The Brooklyn District Luther League held its regular meeting on April 28 in St. Luke's Church, the Rev. J. Snyder, D. D., pastor. The attendance was exceptionally fine. Rev. Steinbicker was the speaker for the evening on the subject, "Some Suggestions as to How the Energies of our Young People May be Employed."

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—On Wednesday evening, May 7, 1913, the Luther League of Brooklyn held its annual banquet at the Ormonde, Fulton street and Nostrand avenue. As always, the event was a most enjoyable one. The committee could hardly have selected a better informed man to speak on Luther League work in general than the Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, of Omaha, Neb., and as he is so well known to Leaguers all over the country it is scarcely necessary to add that his speech impressed all present. The second speaker was Mr. James Gear, of New York, whose remarks on "Individual" Luther League work were exceedingly interesting and to the point. A letter containing many good wishes

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for the work in Brooklyn, from the Hon. Charles A. Schieren, was read by his representative, Mr. Schlegel. The latter also made some very good remarks.

—The Luther League of St. Mark's Church, Jamaica, Rev. Max Hering, pastor, presented the gas and electric light fixtures in the new church building recently dedicated. This society has an enrollment of thirty members.

Rhinebeck District.

—The thirty-sixth convention of the Rhinebeck District Luther League was held on Tuesday, May 13, in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Chatham, Rev. George Grant Whitlock, pastor. About eighty delegates and visitors were present.

The speakers and their subjects were: Rev. H. D. Shimer, Hudson, "The Luther Leaguer's Individual Responsibility"; Rev. W. E. Traver, Germantown, "The Need of Luther League Consecration." The report of the national convention was rendered by Parker Boice, of Germantown.

At the evening session, Rev. H. E. Snyder, of Kingston, delivered a very able and forceful address upon the subject "The Luther League in the Lutheran Church."

The following officers were elected: President, George L. Snyder, Kingston; vice president, J. M. Reynolds, Valatie; Charles M. Dunham, Chatham; recording secretary, Miss Ora E. Cudney, Hudson; corresponding secretary, Miss Lulu Snyder, Kingston; treasurer, Parker Boice, Germantown.

Delegates to State convention: George L. Snyder, Kingston; Rev. G. G. Whitbeck, Chatham; Rev. Walter Miller, D. D., Rhinebeck; Miss Nettie L. Measter, Kingston; Rev. W. E. Traver, Germantown.

The next convention will be held in May, 1914, in the new Church of the Redeemer, Kingston, Rev. H. E. Snyder, pastor.

President William Eck, of the Luther League of New York State, was a visitor to the convention and spoke briefly at the evening service.

—The Luther League of Christ's Church, Germantown, N. Y., observed the twenty-first anniversary of its organization a short time ago. This society recently presented a new piano to the church at a cost of $200, and regularly gives one-tenth of its income to benevolence outside its own church. During the twenty-one years of its life $2,840 has been raised. The present membership is fifty-seven.

—A Luther League has recently been organized in the church at Rhinebeck, Rev. John Kling, pastor. The officers elected are: President, Mrs. Percy Lown; vice president, Warren Plass; recording secretary, Miss Ardella Frost; treasurer, Elmer Moody.

Albany and Susquehanna District.

—The Luther League of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Albany, Rev. Abenschain, pastor, presented the church with altar and pulpit coverings, also an altar church book. The sum of $25 was paid toward the church mortgage fund.

A Junior League was started in February and is doing well. The officers are: William Fox, president; Edna Uhl, vice president; Jeannette Rosell, secretary; Elizabeth Hacker, treasurer.

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Mohawk Valley District.

The Luther League of the first Lutheran Church, Schenectady, Rev. U. H. Graves, pastor, contributed $13.25 to the "Tornado and Flood Appeal" of the General Synod's Church Extension Board.

Buffalo District.

—The Luther League of Buffalo held its spring rally in Holy Trinity Church, April 27. The speakers were Rev. F. E. Jensen and the Rev. W. C. Brach.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia District.

—The Luther League of St. Stephen's Church recently entertained the young people who were confirmed at Easter. Rev. Pfattiecher, Mr. Francis Leupold, Mr. O. Reichard and the pastor made addresses. The reading of a poem by Mr. Philip Kretschmann, music, games, and refreshments, added to the evening's profit and pleasure.

—The Luther League of the Church of the Transfiguration, Rev. Z. N. Corbe, pastor, has had an income during the past year of $194.10.

Allentown District.

—The Luther League of Allentown participated in a May Day fete in Central Park, May 24. Besides the usual spectacular entertainment there was music by a chorus choir under the direction of Prof. J. Fred Wolle, and addresses by Dr. John A. W. Haas and Rev. August Steimle.

Elk County.

—At the last business meeting of the Luther League at Ridgway the following officers were elected: President, Miss Ida Beyer; vice president, Mr. Emil Schulz; secretary, Miss Alice Willits; treasurer, Miss Anne Melander.

Berks District.

—The District Luther League of Berks County held its seventy-seventh convention in Trinity Lutheran Church on April 23.

Rev. C. E. Kistler discussed "Illiteracy and a Godless Literacy." This was followed by a paper on "Luther and Education," by Rev. H. W. Fitting. Both were freely discussed. If Muhlenberg College and the seminary do not profit by the discussion it certainly will not be the fault of the speakers.

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At the evening session Dr. Haas, president of Muhlenberg College, delivered an address on "Contributions to Education—a Profitable Investment," in which he spoke of the benefits of a thorough Christian training and showed that the institutions which furnish that training are not only the safest, but at the same time the most profiable investment which Christian people can make. They are not only best and safest in conserving the Christian character of the people, but likewise in promoting the solidity and safety of the nation.

Pittsburgh District.

—Pittsburgh District held its forty-second convention in St. John's Lutheran Church, Rev. J. H. Miller, pastor, New Castle, Pa., on May 15. The convention was well attended. All Leagues reported on:

1. To what missionary objects does your society contribute regularly?
2. Do you have a mission study class?

Addresses were given on our Church's opportunities:

1. "In the Home and Foreign Fields," Rev. J. Elmer Bittle, D. D., Turtle Creek.
2. "In the Inner Mission," Rev. Frank C. Oberly, Pittsburgh.
3. "For Education," Rev. E. F. Krauss, Maywood, Ill.

At the Junior session an address, "Opportunities in the Junior League," was delivered by Rev. Will Ira Guss, Duquesne.

During the second session papers were read on our Church's appeal:

1. "For Young Men for the Ministry," Mr. Charles Alton Piel, Pittsburgh.
2. "For Young Women for the Diaconate," Miss Amy Linsenmayer, Braddock.
3. "For Consecrated Social Workers," Miss Louise Eckert, Wilkinsburg.

At the close of this session, Rev. Charles M. Teufel, Pittsburgh, gave a summary of reports of locals.

Dr. Neve, of Springfield, Ohio, addressed the convention on "The Lutheran Church and the Surrounding Denominations," at the closing session.

OHIO

Canton District No. 6.

—The second annual convention of Canton District No. 6, Luther League of Ohio, was held in Trinity Lutheran Church, Canton, Ohio, May 30.

Besides the Canton Leaguers, about fifty out of town delegates and visitors were present—from Alliance, Canal Dover, Orrville, Wooster and Strasburg.

After the opening devotional service the morning session was given to the customary courtesies of welcome and response, report of delegate to national convention, report of executive committee by the president, Mr. Fred Shaffer, of Alliance, and other preliminary business.

The themes presented and discussed at the afternoon session were: 1. Efficiency in League work—(a) membership, (b) use of topics, (c) finances. 2. The Scope of the Individual League. 3. Possibilities of the Future.

The address of the evening session, on "Loyalty to Christ and the Church," was delivered by Rev. R. S. Bowers, Wooster, Ohio.

Musical numbers by the Canton young people were interspersed through the convention program; and a pleasant social spirit characterized the supper hour, in the Sunday school room of the church.

The newly elected officers are: President, Mr. Dorner L. Keyser, Canton; vice president, Mr. John Weimer, Alliance; recording secretary, Miss Nellie Lutz, Canton; treasurer, Miss Edna Zigler, Wooster; corresponding secretary, Miss Emma Gaver, Orrville; executive committee member at large, Rev. W. W. Kennerly, Alliance.

—One of the strong Leagues of the State of Ohio is that of St. John's Church, Zanesville. Not only is this strength shown by the average attendance of sixty at the devotional meetings and seventy-five at the monthly business meetings, but also by the great amount of good which is being done by this League.

At the last business meeting it was decided to place the "Lutheran" in the public library for a period of two years. This will make a total of four years that this League has kept the "Lutheran" in the public reading room where it may be read by those who do not have it in their homes or by the "stranger within our gates."

At this meeting it was also decided to place a Bible in each room of one of the local hospitals.

A committee has been appointed to visit the hotels on Sunday morning and invite travelers to attend Church League meetings. No doubt much good will be accomplished by such an action and many people will attend church services who would not have done so otherwise.

The members of this League work shoulder to shoulder and the strength of the organization is felt through all the church work.

Cleveland District.

—The Cleveland District Luther League met on April 18 in Bethany Church, Rev. O. F. Weaver, pastor. Rev. H. M. Havice, of Lakewood, delivered a most helpful and inspiring address.

—At the annual meeting of the Emmaus Luther League, Cleveland, Rev. R. A. Albert, pastor, the following officers were elected: F. W. Cooper, president; Carl H. Vathke, vice president; Miss Grace M. Flagle, secretary-treasurer; George H. Ketteringham, recording secretary.

Northwestern District.

—The District of Northwestern Ohio held a point social meeting at St. Matthew's Church, Rev. Dr. G. A. Bierdeman, pastor, Tuesday evening, April 1, 1913. An interesting program was rendered which included an address of welcome by Rev. Bierdeman, a recitation by Mrs. Walter Weir, and songs by Miss Dorotha Hobe and Mr. O. C. Rohde.

—The annual spring convention of the District Luther League of Northwestern Ohio was held Friday, April 4, 1913, in First Lutheran Church, Bryan, Rev. A. E. Bell, pastor. An increasing spirit of friendliness and sociability among the Leaguers was dominant throughout the convention.

The morning session consisted of the regular morning service, conducted by Rev. Dr. G. A. Bierdeman, and the convention sermon preached by Rev. Alvin E. Bell.

The afternoon session was called to order by Rev. A. E. Bell, who conducted the devotional services. The session included an address of welcome by Miss Marie Arnold, Bryant, Ohio, a response by O. C. Rohde, Toledo, and an address, "A Place for Every Leaguer," by Rev. Dr. G. A. Bierdeman. Two papers were also read, "The Sunday School as a Training School for the Luther League," by Miss Dorotha Hobe, St. Stephen's, Toledo, and "The Luther League a Training School for the Church," by Mr. Hemlein, of Defiance. An interesting discussion followed, after which there was a business session, when reports were read and at which time the interest of the Leaguers in the work was distinctly shown.

The evening service was very well attended. An address on "Training the Leaguer for Service," was delivered by Rev. Paul W. Koller, Mansfield. He urged the Leaguers to be alive to the purpose of the Luther League, alive to the duties and activities. The life that comes from God must be our life.

The choir of First Lutheran Church furnished music. The hospitality of the members and Leaguers of First Lutheran Church was generous and cordial, and many thanks were offered them for their efforts to make the convention a success.

—A Junior Luther League of twenty-five members has been organized in St. Matthew's Church, Dr. G. A. Bierdeman, pastor.

—The Luther League of our church at Tiffin, Rev. Chalmers E. Frontz, pastor, had charge of the morning service on April 30, when the Lenten offering boxes, which were distributed under its auspices, were returned. The total receipts were $233.58.

Toledo District.

—The Luther League of St. Stephen's Church, Rev. E. J. Wackernagel, pastor, with a membership of fifty, is raising a fund for a new pipe organ for the church, which already amounts to $250.

District No. 11.

—District No. 11 of the Luther League of Ohio, held a convention for organization in St. Mark's Church, Newport, Ky., April 29 and 30, 1913.

A very cordial address of welcome was given by Miss Frieda Helmbold, president of St. Mark's League. This was responded to by Mr. Earl Schier, of Trinity Church, Belleview, Ky. The first address was on "Enthusiasm in Service," by Mr. John Swoyer, of Ashville, Ohio, president of the Scioto Valley District League.

The second address was by Mr. Walter Obrock, Cincinnati, Ohio, on "Value of Organization."

The League of St. Mark's then held a very enjoyable reception in honor of delegates and visitors. The social rooms of the church were beautifully decorated.

On Wednesday addresses were delivered on "How to Awaken and Maintain Energy Among League Members," by Pastor E. R. Wagner, of St. Paul's Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"What Especial Dangers Threaten the Loyalty of Our Young People to the Church," by Pastor C. S. Bauslin, of Walnut Hills Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"The Cross Within the Heart," by Rev. Motschman.

The following were elected as officers: president, Earl Schiner, Belleview, Ky.; vice president, Walter Obrock, Cincinnati, Ohio; corresponding secretary, Miss Blanche Troy, Newport, Ky.; recording secretary, Miss Anna Buecker, Newport, Ky.; treasurer, Mr. W. F. Donner, Cincinnati.

—Rev. J. F. Booker, pastor of Old Town Valley Church, Tencarawac, recently organized a Luther League, which is already proving itself to be an enthusiastic and vigorous organization.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

James River Valley District.

—The ninth annual district convention of the James River Valley Central Luther League was held at Sisseton, Rev. Rudie, pastor, Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30. About twenty delegates, representing seven Leagues, were present. The convention was divided into six sessions, three on Saturday and three on Sunday. The following papers were discussed during the meeting: "Why Are We Lutherans?" "Saved By Grace," "The Luther League as a Factor in Church Work" and "Church Loyalty." The topics of the rally meeting on Sunday night were "Faith," "Hope" and "Charity," which were discussed by Rev. Wiederaenders, Rev. Kraushaar and Rev. Glesne. The Sisseton and Enterprise choirs furnished music. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Mr. Haache, of Aberdeen, president; Mr. Morken, of Bristol, vice president; Alma Anderson, of Aberdeen, secretary; Millie Thorson, of Sisseton, treasurer. The lecture bureau, Rev. Kraushaar, Rev. Glesne and Rev. Rudie. The next meetng will be at Bristol.

INDIANA

—The State Luther League convention will be held in Indianapolis, Ind., in the First English Lutheran Church, Rev. A. E. Renn, pastor, June 24, 25, 26.

Northern District.

—The spring convention of the Northern District of Indiana was held on Wednesday, May 7, in Mt. Zion's Church, La Grange, Rev. A. M. Weber, pastor. There were six local Leagues represented by fourteen delegates and five pastors.

The general theme was "Our Ideals and Our Problems"—"The Ideal League," was presented by Mr. Harold Dovel, of Millersburg. The following are a few thoughts brought out in the papers: "One of the first things essential in the ideal League is the co-operation of all its members." "Working together is very important, not only in our own society." "It is on account of the lack of this, that many organizations fall to pieces." "Just because some idea of our own is not followed, we should not drop out and do nothing at all." "Some people seem to take for their motto 'rule or ruin.'" "We should be willing to do anything, accept any office assigned to us, even if it is not the work we desired."

A paper was read by Miss Louise Knobel, of Nappanee, on "The Ideal Worker." She said: "The only way we may gain anything is by being willing. How useless it is for one to be fitted in every way for work, if he does not have a willing spirit, doing everything in his power to further the interest of his Church. Above all things he must be filled with love for God, and earnestly desire that His kingdom may come."

A paper was read on "The Luther League as the Pastor's Aid," by Miss Lodema Wener, of South Bend. This topic was considered under two heads. I. "The Luther League as an aid to the pastor personally. (a) Pray for him. (b) Encourage him. (c) Walk in harmony with him. (d) Hear your pastor. (e) Be loyal to him. II. The Luther League as an aid to the pastor, in relation to his work. (a) Aid in the congregation. Raise the standard of loyalty to pastor and to the Church. (b) By personal endeavor. (c) Taking care of the young and newly confirmed. Be a doer of the Word is the keynote of the Luther League helpfulness."

Mr. Leighton Tombow, of Butler, gave a talk on "The Problem of Successfully Conducting the Business and Social Meetings."

Dr. S. P. Long, of Mansfield, Ohio, delivered the evening address. His subject was "An American Problem" and was presented in Dr. Long's usual interesting way. He first showed how America is one-third of the whole earth and then showed that America is God's: 1. By creation. 2. By His will. 3. By His providence. He then showed that America is providential for foreigners and that America is bound to solve the problems of the world. But, he declared, that in order for her to solve these problems she needs a regeneration, first, of her ministry, and secondly, of her Church membership. With such a regeneration she will be in position to meet and solve all problems.

MICHIGAN

Detroit District.

—The Detroit District Luther League met on May 20 in Christ Church, Rev. A. M. Dappenfield, pastor. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. C. Miller, of Ann Arbor.

WISCONSIN.

—The twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Luther League was fittingly observed by the League of the English Lutheran Church of Madison.

Prof. P. S. Reinsch, of the Department of Political Science of the University of Wisconsin, gave an inspiring address before a large and appreciative audience, on "Universal Peace." Mr. Carl H. Juergens, a law student, who has been familiar with the local League all during its existence of five years, gave a resume of its efforts and progress.

This Luther League is one of the strongest, if not the strongest, in Wisconsin, and compares most favorably with the young people's societies of all denominations in Madison. In a church membership of less than one hundred and twenty, the League has an active membership of almost seventy, with an average attendance at the weekly meetings of more than forty. A keen interest is shown by all members, and the meetings are inspiring and absorbing. This League makes welcome in the fall all Lutheran students who come to Madison to attend the university. The newcomers become acquainted with old members and each other, through a series of receptions held in the homes of church members. These receptions are followed by monthly social events which prove equally attractive to students and town people. Every fine Saturday afternoon during spring and early summer, "hikes" are arranged for under the auspices of the League, the young people walking out through fields and woods. Lunch is provided. The League does not provide only for itself. Financial aid is given the church when needed, and the young people stand ready to assist the pastor at any time. The Luther Leaguers of this church are proud of their League and loyal to it; and they are justified in their feeling.

NEBRASKA

—The third annual convention of the Luther League of Nebraska will be held at Grand Island, June 11-13, 1913. Bertha Elsasser, secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

—The Luther League of St. James' Church, Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, pastor, at a recent social meeting had an interesting discussion of the question of caring for the boys of the church. As one means to the desired end a summer camp was considered. In the discussion there appeared to prevail the idea that in dealing with the boy the Church must take account of and make some provision for mental and physical as well as spiritual development.

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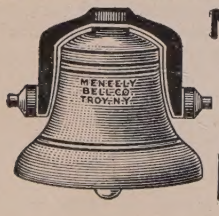

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